

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office action mailed on June 23, 2009. It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with the present Amendment. However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Status of the Claims

The Applicants note, with appreciation, the Examiner's re-numbering of the claims and dependencies in the Office action of June 23, 2009. The listing of claims provided in this Amendment reflect the claims as re-numbered by the Examiner. Claims 1-47, 55, 56 and 60-65 are canceled. New claims 66-68 are introduced, but do not add any new matter. The remaining claims have also been amended to place them in better condition for examination on the merits.

Response to Claim Objections

Claims 36 and 47 were objected to as being in improper form. As these claims have now been canceled, it is understood these objections are rendered moot.

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

The Office action identified nine inventions or groups of inventions, and required an election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. The Applicants traverse the restriction requirement, at least with respect to Groups VI, VII and VIII. It is respectfully submitted that both independent claims 48 and 58 are concerned with providing a cut on either side of a region between first and second labels, wherein first and second images or backgrounds meet within the region. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that at least Groups VI and VII are sufficiently linked to satisfy PCT Rule 13.1. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the method of claim 59 is the method of use of the product recited in claim 48, and therefore should be considered to have unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1. Inasmuch as each of the

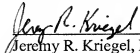
independent claims refers to printing a first image or background and a second image or background, and providing a cut on either side of a region, wherein a first and second image or background meets within the region, it is respectfully submitted that the claims satisfy the unity of invention requirement, and withdrawal of the election/restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

For purposes of satisfying the requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group VI. It is respectfully submitted that claims 48-54 and 57 encompass the elected invention. Claims 55 and 56 have been canceled.

In the event the election/restriction requirement is maintained, the Applicants will withdraw claims directed to the non-elected Groups.

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Respectfully submitted,



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